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SUBJECT: 62ND ECOSOC -- SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, U.S.
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1. HEW HAS CONVEYED TO THE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATION FOR
SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS RESULTING IN ECOSOC APPROVAL OF
AMENDED COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT DRAFT RESOLUTION
X WHICH CREATED A TEN-MEMBER WORKING GROUP TO STUDY AND
MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON UN SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. THE EARLY
SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSAL IN AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S APRIL 19
STATEMENT TO THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN NOTED WITH SATISFACTION.

2. HEW AGREES THAT UN PREPARATIONS FOR THE WORKING GROUP
SHOULD BE INITIATED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. IN CONNECTION
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WITH PROPOSED HEW FUNDING, HEW/SRS NEEDS A SCOPE OF WORK
STATEMENT PREPARED BY UN SECRETARIAT WITH THE PRELIMINARY
PLAN FOR THE STUDY INDICATING OBJECTIVES, METHODOLOGY, AND
PLAN FOR ANALYSIS COLLECTION AND EVALUATION.

3. THE SOURCES IDENTIFIED FOR REVIEW OF SOCIAL DEVELOP-
MENT CONTAINED IN USUN 1322 ARE EXCELLENT. U.S. MEMBER

SHOULD PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE. IN ADDITION, THE REVIEW SHOULD BECOME AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE BASIC UN STUDY TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE.

4. THE CHARGE TO THE WORKING GROUP CALLS FOR STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS OF UN SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AS BASIS FOR ADVISING ON FUTURE ROLE OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN UN PROGRAMS. IN VIEW OF EXISTING VACANCIES IN TOP CSDHA POSTS, AS WELL AS VARIETY OF ISSUES RAISED AND THE COMPLEXITY OF PROGRAM RELATIONSHIPS IN THE CDPPD AND CSDHA, HEW BELIEVES UN MAY NEED A CONSULTANT TO DEVELOP A COHERENT STUDY PLAN. HEW UNDERSTANDS JAMES R. DUMPSON, FORMER NYC COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION AND NOW SERVING AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, NEW YORK COMMUNITY TRUST, COULD BE AVAILABLE. TWO OTHER CANDIDATES PROPOSED BY HEW ARE RICHARD SPLANE, PROFESSOR OF SOCIAL POLICY, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, AND MITCHELL GINSBERG, DEAN AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. ALL HAVE EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND IN ORGANIZATIONAL WORK AND INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

5. HEW REPORTS ITS UNITS CONCERNED WITH UN SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND WITH WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF SECRETARIAT AND FIELD ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO DEVELOP COMMENTS ON PRESENT UN RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAM ACTIVITIES AND PROPOSALS FOR NEW DIRECTIONS WITH VIEW TO MAKING CONSOLIDATED SUGGESTIONS AVAILABLE BY TIME OF WORKING GROUP MEETING.

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